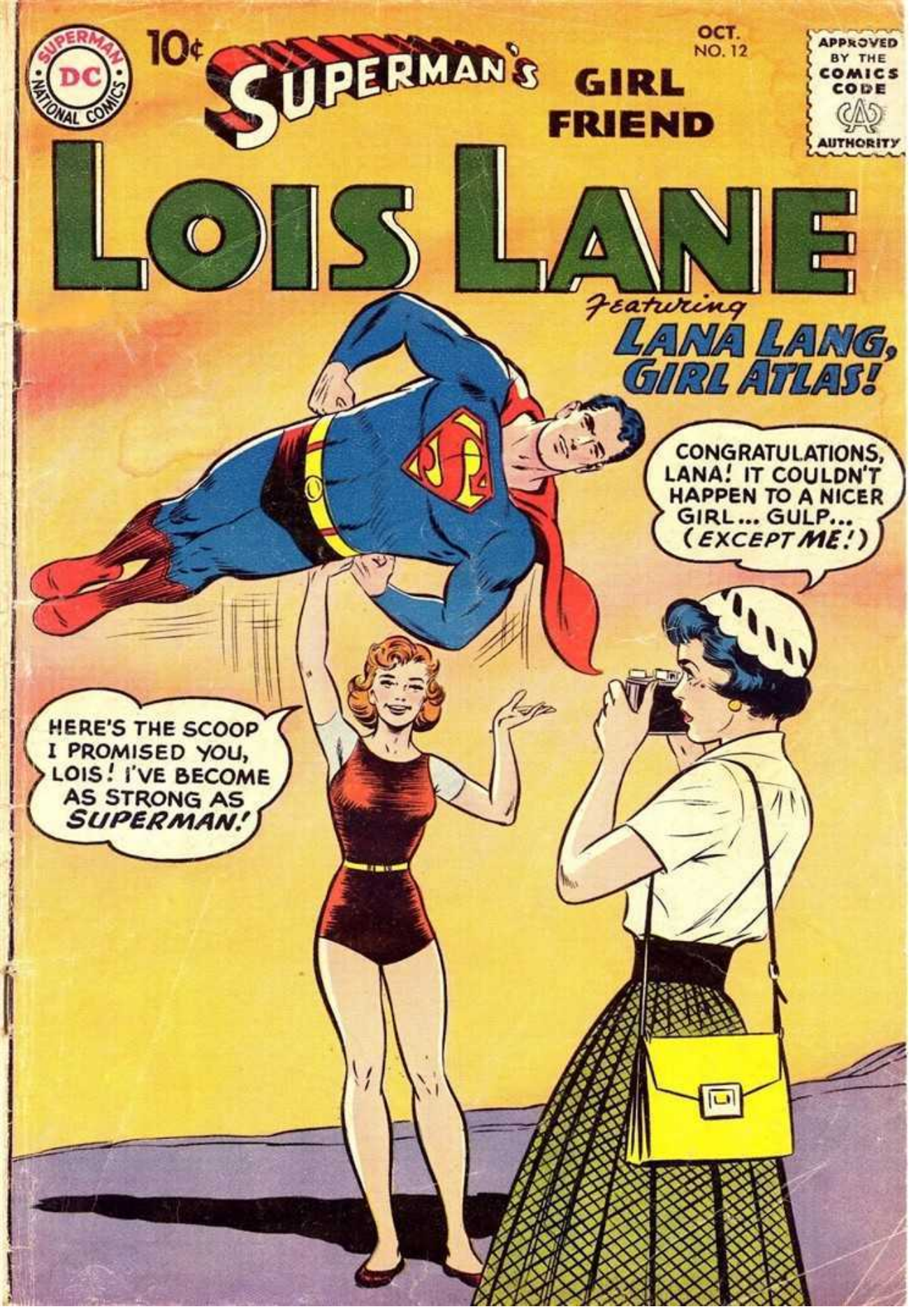
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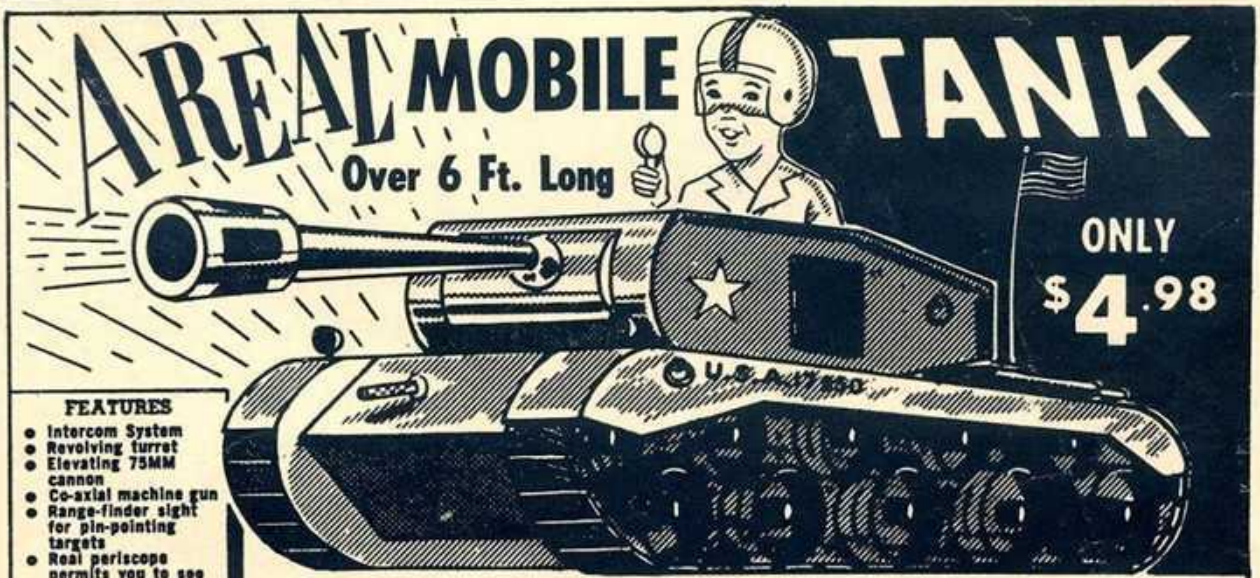

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# SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

ONE AMAZING DAY, **LOIS LANE** FINDS HERSELF CUT OFF FROM AIR, LAND AND SUNSHINE... AND PLUNGED INTO A DARK WATERY WORLD WHICH SHE CAN NEVER LEAVE! NO MORE CAN SHE DREAM OF MARRYING **SUPERMAN**, THE MAN SHE LOVES! HOWEVER, DESTINY OFFERS LOIS A SUBSTITUTE BEAU! HE IS NONE OTHER THAN **AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS!** BUT CAN THE COURAGEOUS GIRL REPORTER ADAPT TO HER STARTLING NEW LIFE WHEN SHE BECOMES, OVERNIGHT...

## THE MERMAID FROM METROPOLIS!

ARE YOU SURE, LOIS, YOU'RE REALLY THROUGH WITH **SUPERMAN** AND THAT IT'S **ME** YOU REALLY WANT?

I'M POSITIVE, **AQUAMAN!** I'VE GOT TO FORGET **SUPERMAN** AND THE WORLD I ONCE KNEW! I'M A MERMAID NOW... AND SINCE YOU'RE KING OF THE SEA, I'LL BE HAPPY TO BE YOUR QUEEN!

AS GIRL REPORTER **LOIS LANE** FROLICS AT WAIKIKI BEACH, HONOLULU, ON A VACATION TRIP...

HEY, LOIS! THERE'S A RADIO FLASH! **SUPERMAN** IS FLYING HERE THIS WEEK-END TO CELEBRATE HAWAII'S ADMISSION AS OUR 50TH STATE!

GOSH, **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T KNOW I'M HERE! WILL **HE** BE SURPRISED WHEN I SAY HELLO TO HIM!

THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, AS LOIS GOES SKIN-DIVING...

HERE'S A SPECIAL CAMERA THAT TAKES PICTURES UNDERWATER! YOU MIGHT GET A GOOD STORY PHOTOGRAPHING THE WRECK OF A SPANISH FRIGATE DOWN BELOW!

THANKS!-- DON'T BOTHER TO PICK ME UP LATER! I CAN RUN THIS OUTBOARD BACK TO PORT MYSELF!

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BUT AS LOIS CLAMBERS OVER THE ANCIENT WRECK, TAKING PICTURES...
VRROOOOSH!
T-THE OCEAN BOTTOM IS HEAVING UPWARDS! GASP! ... IT'S A SEA-QUAKE!

CRACKK!
GOOD HEAVENS! T-THE WRECK IS DISLODGED! IT'S TOPPLING OVER! OHHHH!
CRASHH!

PAINFUL MOMENTS AFTER...
I'M TRAPPED UNDER THE WRECKAGE! IF I COULD SIGNAL SUPERMAN... HE'D RESCUE ME IN A FEW SECONDS! BUT I C-CAN'T CALL HIM!... I-I'M DONE FOR! THE PAIN... OHHH... THE PAIN...

BUT BEFORE LOIS LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS, SHE SEES TWO SHADOWY FORMS...
I-IT'S A HUGE OCTOPUS! AND A MAN WHO CAN BREATHE UNDER-WATER! GASP! I-IT MUST BE AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEA!
IT'S LUCKY I PASSED BY WHEN THAT WRECK TOPPLED OVER! THIS GIRL COULD NEVER FREE HERSELF!

GOOD GRIEF! SHE LOOKS AS IF SHE'S PASSED OUT! TOPO, MY OCTOPUS PAL, HAD BETTER FREE HER BEFORE SHE DROWNS!... GASP! THAT'S IT, TOPO! LIFT UP THAT MAST PINNING HER LEGS!
OHHHH!

SOON...
THIS GIRL IS BADLY HURT! THERE'S NO TIME TO RUSH HER TO HONOLULU HOSPITAL! THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON NEAR ENOUGH WHO CAN HELP HER! DR. HANSON, WHO JUST FINISHED A YEAR'S MEDICAL RESEARCH ON A LONELY HAWAIIAN ISLAND!

DR. HANSON IS THE WORLD'S MOST SKILLED SURGEON! HE WAS PACKING HIS EQUIPMENT WHEN I VISITED HIM THIS MORNING! WELL... HE HAS ONE LAST CASE BEFORE HE SAILS!

PRESENTLY, AS DR. HANSON EXAMINES AQUAMAN'S EMERGENCY PATIENT...
YOU'RE RIGHT, AQUAMAN! THIS GIRL IS IN BAD SHAPE! HER LEGS ARE CRUSHED! SHE'LL NEVER WALK AGAIN, UNLESS... WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO! AND WE CAN'T ASK HER PERMISSION, EITHER! SHE'S IN A COMA AND THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!

THREE HOURS LATER...
IT'S DONE, AQUAMAN! I ONLY HOPE SHE WILL UNDERSTAND I HAD NO CHOICE! HER LIFE WAS AT STAKE!
DON'T WORRY, DOCTOR! I'LL BREAK IT TO HER WHEN SHE COMES TO...

LATE THAT DAY, WHEN LOIS FINALLY EMERGES FROM THE ETHER...
W-WHERE AM I? I...;GASP!E AQUAMAN! THE KING OF THE SEA! NOW I REMEMBER! BEFORE I FAINTED, YOU CAME TO SAVE ME! OH, THANKS, AQUAMAN! THANKS!
DON'T THANK ME YET, MISS! WAIT TILL YOU LEARN WHAT WAS DONE! YOU SEE, WE HAD NO CHOICE! EVERY SECOND COUNTED!

YOUR LUNGS WERE COLLAPSED AND YOUR LEGS WERE CRUSHED! SO DR. HANSON USED HIS SURGICAL SKILL TO ADAPT YOU PERMANENTLY TO A WATERY LIFE! HE GAVE YOU INTERNAL GILLS...ENCASED YOUR INJURED LEGS INSIDE CARTILIGINOUS TISSUE! IN SHORT, YOU'VE BECOME... A MERMAID!
;GASP!E... OH, NO! NO!

I-I FEEL WEAK! ;GASP!E-;GASP!E I CAN'T BREATHE! ;GASP!E
THAT'S BECAUSE, LIKE MOST SEA CREATURES, YOU CAN'T REMAIN OUT OF THE OCEAN MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES! HURRY UP! DIVE IN! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BREATHE WATER AS EASILY AS I DO!

AS LOIS PLUNGES BENEATH THE SURFACE...
AQUAMAN'S
RIGHT! I CAN LIVE IN THE OCEAN LIKE A FISH!
ONCE SHE REALIZES THIS IS THE ONLY WAY SHE COULD CONTINUE LIVING AFTER HER ACCIDENT, SHE'LL APPRECIATE DR. HANSON'S GENIUS! MEANWHILE, I'LL TRY TO AMUSE HER!
SUMMONING HIS SEA SUBJECTS, AQUAMAN ORDERS THEM TO PARADE IN HONOR OF HIS BEAUTIFUL GUEST...
IT'S AMAZING HOW AQUAMAN COMMUNICATES WITH FISH OF ALL KINDS! HE MUST TEACH ME HOW TO USE MENTAL TELEPATHY TO COMMAND SEA CREATURES!
AT A WORD FROM AQUAMAN, HIS FINNY FRIENDS BRING THE MERMAID PRECIOUS GIFTS FROM SUNKEN TREASURES...
THESE GEMS ARE MAGNIFICENT! THE OCEAN FLOOR IS A VAST TREASURE HOUSE WHERE I CAN HAVE PRICELESS OBJECTS FOR FREE!
AND WHEN LOIS SELECTS HER UNDERWATER HOME...
HOW THOUGHTFUL OF AQUAMAN'S FRIENDS! THEY'RE BRINGING ME GIFTS...DECORATIONS AND FURNITURE FROM SUNKEN CARGOES...TO TURN MY SEA CAVE INTO A LOVELY APARTMENT!
AS DAYS AND NIGHTS PASS...
IT'S AMAZING HOW AQUAMAN'S SUBJECTS FULFILL ALL OUR NEEDS! WHEN WE WANT TO SWIM IN THE DARK, DEEP WATERS, LUMINOUS FISH LIGHT OUR WAY!
AND WHEN LOIS SEES AQUAMAN PERFORM DARING RESCUES...
HE ORDERED HIS WHALES TO ACT LIKE TUG-BOATS, HOLDING THE SPLIT FREIGHTER TOGETHER, TOWING IT TO PORT! OF COURSE, AQUAMAN ISN'T SUPERMAN! BUT LIFE WON'T BE DULL IF I SPEND IT WITH THE KING OF THE SEA!

BUT THAT NIGHT, AS LOIS SURFACES FOR A LOOK AT THE MOONLIT SEA...
WHOOOOSH!
;GASP!; IT'S SUPERMAN! HE FLEW HERE, AS HE HAD PROMISED, TO HELP WELCOME HAWAII'S ENTRANCE INTO THE U.S. AS ITS FIFTIETH STATE!
MOMENTS LATER...
H-HE'S PLANTING A TREMENDOUS, LUMINOUS SUPER-FLAG ON A MOUNTAIN PEAK OVERLOOKING THE ISLANDS! IT CAN BE SEEN FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY, BY DAY OR NIGHT!
;GULP!;... AS LONG AS I DIDN'T SEE SUPERMAN, I COULD PRETEND I'D FORGOTTEN HIM! NOW I KNOW I'VE BEEN DECEIVING MYSELF! AQUAMAN IS WONDERFUL... BUT HE'S NO SUPERMAN! SUPERMAN IS THE ONLY MAN I CAN EVER LOVE!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS SUPERMAN IS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED WITH A BEACH PARTY...
THAT HUGE, SUPER-FLAG WITH ITS FIFTY STARS WILL ALWAYS REMIND US OF YOUR VISIT ON THIS SUPER-EVENTFUL OCCASION! THANKS, SUPERMAN!
Thanks FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE
WELCO
WATCHING THE CELEBRATION LIKE A HUNGRY CHILD WITH HER NOSE PRESSED AGAINST A STORE WINDOW, ONLY ABLE TO LOOK AT THE OBJECT HER HEART DESIRES...
I-I CAN NEVER TALK TO OR SEE HIM AGAIN! ;CHOKE!;... FATE HAS BANISHED ME FROM THE MAN I LOVE! I'VE LOST SUPERMAN FOREVER!
WHUMMPPp!
A SECOND LATER...
SORRY FOLKS! I MUST LEAVE! THAT'S A SUBMARINE DISTRESS FLARE! I MUST SEE WHAT THE TROUBLE IS!
G-GOOD HEAVENS! SUPERMAN IS COMING THIS WAY! HE FLIES FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT! HE'S BOUND TO SEE ME!

AS LOIS JUST MANAGES TO DIVE OFF THE RAFT...
LOIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ER... I'M ON VACATION... ER... I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME!
I M-MUSTN'T GASP FOR AIR! SUPERMAN MUST NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!
ER... I - I SAW THE FABULOUS RECEPTION THE HAWAIIANS GAVE YOU! BUT I MUSTN'T KEEP YOU! YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION! I'LL SEE YOU BACK IN METROPOLIS!
UH... SURE, LOIS! THERE'S A SUB THAT'S HAVING TROUBLE BELOW! I MUST GO TO ITS AID! SO LONG!
BUT AS SUPERMAN DIVES TOWARD A SUB WHOSE RISING MECHANISM HAS JAMMED...
HMMM... LOIS ACTED RATHER TENSE AND UNEASY, AS IF SHE COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I LEFT! BUT IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION, BECAUSE SHE'S USUALLY HAPPY TO SEE ME!
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN'S MIGHTY ARMS LIFT THE SUBMARINE SKYWARD...
I'LL FLY THE SUB TO THE NAVY YARD AT PEARL HARBOR WHERE THEY CAN MAKE REPAIRS!
T-THERE GOES THE MAN I LOVE... AND HAVE LOST FOR-EVER! I CAN NEVER RETURN TO METROPOLIS OR TO THE DAILY PLANET!
SUDDENLY, AS LOIS HEARS THE CREAK OF THE LIFE RAFT...
AQUAMAN... GASP! I... I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE HERE! YOU MUST'VE SWUM UP SILENTLY!
NO, LOIS! YOU DIDN'T SEE ME BECAUSE YOU WERE COMPLETELY ABSORBED IN WATCH-ING SUPERMAN! LOIS, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM WHAT HAPPENED!
YOU WERE JUST LUCKY HE DIDN'T USE HIS X-RAY VISION AND DISCOVER YOU ARE NOW A MERMAID! IF HE KNEW, MAYBE HE COULD'VE HELPED YOU!
NO, AQUAMAN! NO ONE CAN HELP ME NOW, EXCEPT MYSELF! I MUST STOP DREAMING ABOUT MY OLD LIFE! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME FORGET SUPER-MAN!

I MUST FACE REALITY! I CAN ONLY LIVE UNDERWATER! HELP ME FORGET THE WORLD I KNEW! TAKE ME ON A TOUR OF THE SEVEN SEAS!

ALL RIGHT, LOIS! I PROMISE TO SHOW YOU ALL THE WONDERS OF MY UNDERSEA UNIVERSE!

IF IT WILL DO ANY GOOD!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, LOIS BECOMES A QUEEN OF THE SEA, INSPECTING HER REALM...

HMMM... I CAN POINT OUT UNDERWATER MOUNTAIN RANGES HIGHER THAN THE HIMALAYAS! BUT I'M SURE LOIS' MIND IS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY!

NO MATTER WHAT SIGHTS AQUAMAN SHOWS ME, I SEE ONLY ONE VISION... SUPERMAN'S FACE! IT'S NO USE! I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY HERE!

THEN ONE DAY, BACK AT LOIS' UNDERSEA HOME, NEAR HAWAII...

G-GOOD HEAVENS! HERE COMES AQUAMAN, BACK FROM A SEA PATROL! HE MUST HAVE SWUM UNDERWATER ALL THE WAY! HE DOESN'T KNOW THERE'S A FLEET OF SUB-CHASERS ABOVE US, PRACTICING DEPTH-BOMBING!

WHUMP!

H-HEY...

WHOOOSHH

NEXT MOMENT... BARROOMM!

OHHH!

...GASP!... AQUAMAN'S HURT! I MUST DO SOMETHING QUICKLY!

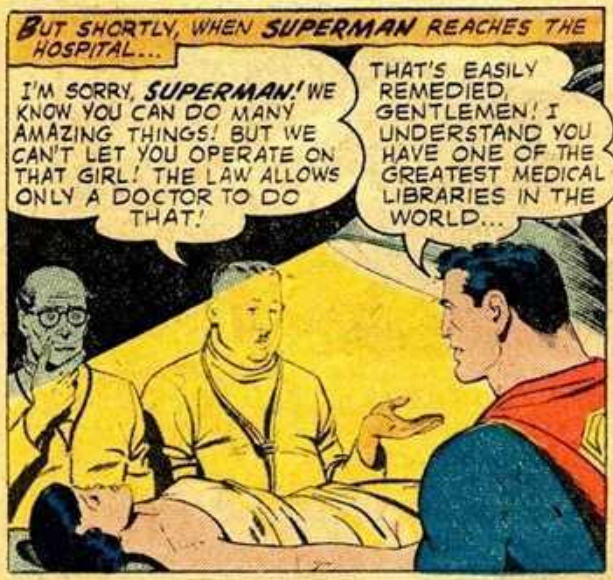
BUT WHEN LOIS FRANTICALLY SURFACES...

A SUDDEN STORM HAS SPRUNG UP! THE SUB-CHASERS ARE SCOOTING BACK TO PORT! I CAN'T REACH SHORE! MY SWIMMING ISN'T THAT STRONG! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO!

UNDERWATER, AS LOIS SUMMONS AQUAMAN'S SEA CREATURES WHO SENSE THEIR MASTER'S DANGER...

BY THIS TIME AQUAMAN'S SEA SUBJECTS KNOW I'M THEIR FRIEND, TOO! IF I CONCENTRATE, PERHAPS THEY WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO MY TELEPATHIC ORDERS! AH--THE OCTOPUS IS GETTING MY SIGNALS! HE'S PICKING UP THAT UNEXPLODED DEPTH BOMB!

PRESENTLY, AS ALL THE SEA CREATURES SUDDENLY UNDERSTAND LOIS' ORDERS...
THAT'S IT, MR. WHALE! SPOUT THOSE EELS TO THE TOP OF THAT VOLCANO! OH, THAT WHALE IS WONDERFUL! HE UNDERSTANDS MY COMMANDS!
THEN, AS LOIS ORDERS THE EELS TO FORM A SEVENTY-FOOT, LIVING LADDER...
NOW COMES A JOB FOR TOPO, AQUAMAN'S PET OCTOPUS! I MUST ORDER HIM TO CLIMB THE EEL LADDER WITH HIS TENTACLES COILED AROUND THE UNEXPLODED DEPTH BOMB... GASP! H-HE'S DOING IT!
SOON...
THERE GOES THE DEPTH BOMB! IN A FEW SECONDS THE EXPLOSION WILL TOUCH OFF A VOLCANIC ERUPTION THAT WILL ATTRACT SUPERMAN'S ATTENTION! WE'D BETTER DIVE SO AS NOT TO BE HIT BY THE HOT LAVA!
NEAR HONOLULU, AS SUPERMAN SPOTS THE SUDDEN ERUPTION...
HMMM... I'D BETTER COOL OFF THAT SMALL VOLCANO WITH MY SUPER-BREATH BEFORE IT CAUSES REAL TROUBLE!
BUT SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN REACHES THE VOLCANO...
PUFFF!
SUPERMAN! IT'S ME... AQUAMAN! I WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY A DEPTH BOMB EXPLOSION! BUT I CAME TO JUST NOW... AS LOIS PASSED OUT FROM HER EXERTIONS, TRYING TO SUMMON YOU TO HELP ME!
PRESENTLY, AS AQUAMAN TELLS SUPERMAN THE TRAGIC STORY OF LOIS' PLIGHT...
SO YOU SEE, LOIS IS MISERABLY UNHAPPY AS A MERMAID! CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING TO RESTORE HER TO THE LIFE SHE LOVED?
I'LL TRY! FIRST I'LL FLY HER TO A HONOLULU HOSPITAL!


BUT SHORTLY, WHEN SUPERMAN REACHES THE HOSPITAL...
I'M SORRY, SUPERMAN! WE KNOW YOU CAN DO MANY AMAZING THINGS! BUT WE CAN'T LET YOU OPERATE ON THAT GIRL! THE LAW ALLOWS ONLY A DOCTOR TO DO THAT!
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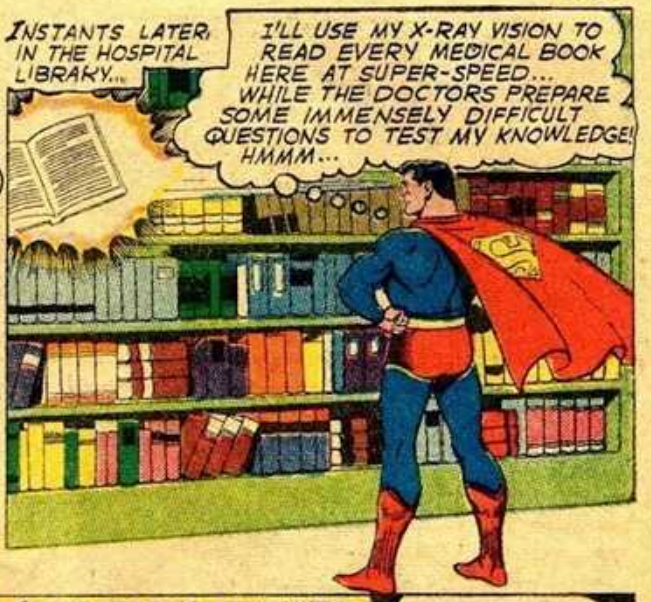
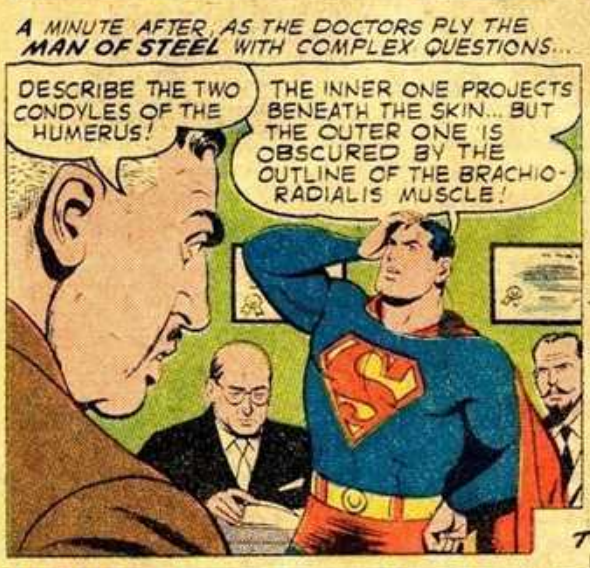

INSTANTS LATER, IN THE HOSPITAL LIBRARY...
I'LL USE MY X-RAY VISION TO READ EVERY MEDICAL BOOK HERE AT SUPER-SPEED... WHILE THE DOCTORS PREPARE SOME IMMENSELY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS TO TEST MY KNOWLEDGE! HMMM...


A MINUTE AFTER, AS THE DOCTORS PLY THE MAN OF STEEL WITH COMPLEX QUESTIONS...
DESCRIBE THE TWO CONDYLES OF THE HUMERUS!
THE INNER ONE PROJECTS BENEATH THE SKIN... BUT THE OUTER ONE IS OBSCURED BY THE OUTLINE OF THE BRACHIO-RADIALIS MUSCLE!

AS THE TESTING CONTINUES...
I-IT'S AMAZING! SUPERMAN KNOWS EVERYTHING KNOWN TO MEDICAL SCIENCE! HIS SUPER-INTELLIGENCE IS STAGGERING! WE MUST AWARD HIM EVERY DOCTOR'S DEGREE WE HAVE!
GOOD! THEN I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO OPERATE! I'LL PREPARE MYSELF AT SUPER-SPEED!

A HALF HOUR LATER, AS LOIS GETS UP FROM THE OPERATING TABLE...
GASP!: W-WE HAVE NEVER SEEN SO BRILLIANT AN OPERATION! AND THE PATIENT RECUPERATED INSTANTLY, WITH FULL USE OF HER LEGS AND LUNGS! YOU MUST WRITE THIS UP FOR THE MEDICAL JOURNALS!
I SHALL! YOU SEE, HER LEG'S WERE NOT LOST... JUST CRUSHED! IT REQUIRED VERY DELICATE BONE SURGERY, AND SKIN GRAFTING!

THAT DAY, AS SUPERMAN HEADS FOR METROPOLIS, WITH A PASSENGER...
LOOK, LOIS! IT'S AQUAMAN AND HIS SEA CREATURES! THE FISH ARE SPELLING OUT A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THEIR FORMER QUEEN OF THE SEA!
THEY WERE WONDERFUL TO ME! BUT I'M FINALLY BACK WHERE I BELONG! IN YOUR ARMS!
GOOD LUCK, LOIS!
THE END.

PEG
GOLLY, HE'S HANDSOME. I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM!
SOME CASE! HE'S A FOUR-LETTER MAN - AND ALL THE GIRLS SWARM OVER HIM!
I'VE GOT TO THINK OF A WAY OF FORMALLY MEETING HIM!
CAFETERIA
OOPS! I'M SORRY - I TRIPPED!
MADGE - I MET HIM!
THE END

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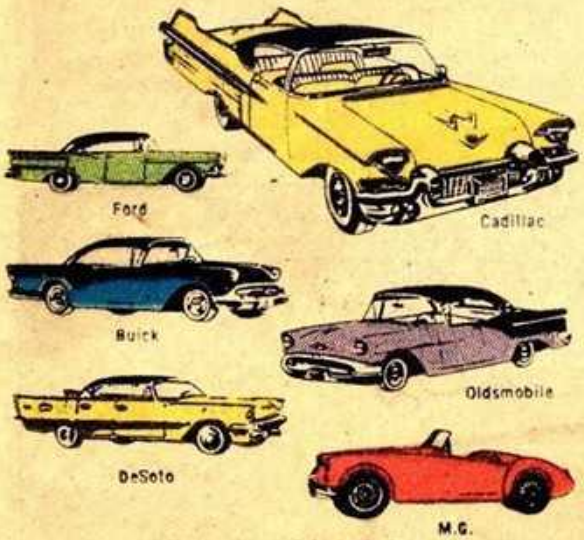


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# SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

BREATHES THERE A GIRL WHO HAS NEVER DREAMED OF MARRYING **SUPERMAN?** BUT SUCH DREAMS ARE HOPELESS, FOR EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE **MAN OF STEEL** WILL NOT RISK TAKING A WIFE WHO WOULD BE IN CONSTANT DANGER FROM HIS FOES! SO CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW **LOIS LANE** FEELS ONE DAY WHEN LANA LANG, HER CONSTANT RIVAL, SUDDENLY GAINS INVULNERABILITY AND BECOMES THE GIRL MOST LIKELY TO BE **MRS. SUPERMAN!** IT HAPPENS WHEN LANA LANG BECOMES--

## THE GIRL ATLAS!

GREAT WORK, LANA! YOU'VE TOWED THAT DISABLED LINER INTO PORT LIKE A FEMALE ATLAS!

...GULP! I'M DONE FOR! NOW THAT LANA LANG HAS SUPER-STRENGTH AND INVULNERABILITY, SHE'LL SURELY STEAL **SUPERMAN** AWAY FROM ME!

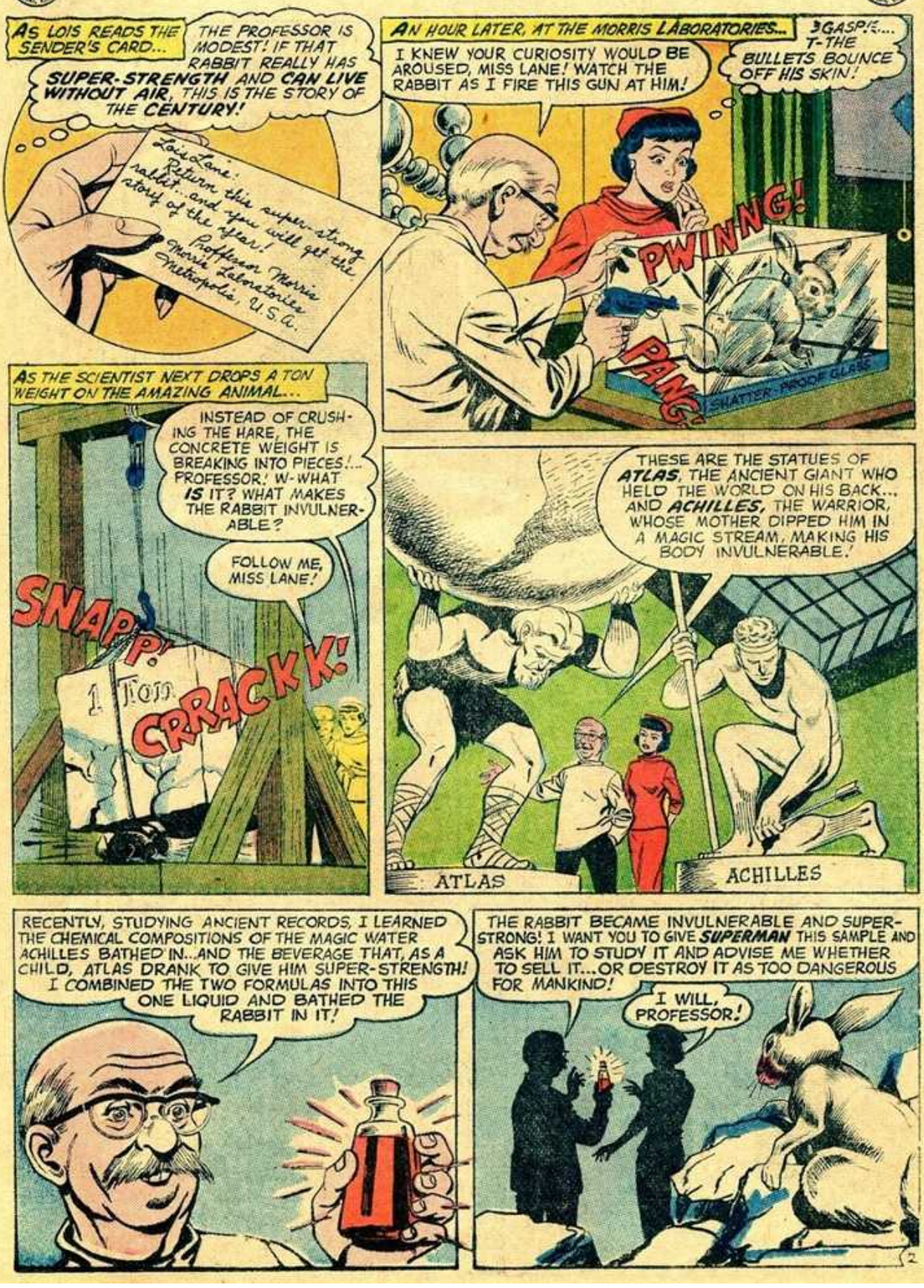
PRESS

ONE DAY, AT THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICE, AS A PACKAGE ARRIVES FOR **LOIS LANE**...

MAYBE AN ADMIRER SENT IT TO ME! I CAN'T WAIT TILL I OPEN IT!

RRIPPP!

**A RABBIT!**...GASP! GOOD HEAVENS! THERE WERE NO AIR HOLES IN THIS BOX! HOW DID IT **BREATHE?**... AND IT'S C-CHEWING ITS WAY THROUGH STEEL MESH! IT'S INCREDIBLE! R-RABBITS CAN'T BITE THROUGH STEEL!


AS LOIS READS THE SENDER'S CARD...
THE PROFESSOR IS MODEST! IF THAT RABBIT REALLY HAS SUPER-STRENGTH AND CAN LIVE WITHOUT AIR, THIS IS THE STORY OF THE CENTURY!
Lois Lane: Return this super-strong rabbit...and you will get the story of the year! Professor Morris Morris Laboratories Metropolis, U.S.A.
AN HOUR LATER, AT THE MORRIS LABORATORIES...
I KNEW YOUR CURIOSITY WOULD BE AROUSED, MISS LANE! WATCH THE RABBIT AS I FIRE THIS GUN AT HIM!
GASP!... T-THE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIS SKIN!
PWINNG!
PANG!
SHATTER-PROOF GLASS
AS THE SCIENTIST NEXT DROPS A TON WEIGHT ON THE AMAZING ANIMAL...
INSTEAD OF CRUSHING THE HARE, THE CONCRETE WEIGHT IS BREAKING INTO PIECES!... PROFESSOR! W-WHAT IS IT? WHAT MAKES THE RABBIT INVULNERABLE?
FOLLOW ME, MISS LANE!
SNAPP!
1 Ton
CRRACKK!
THESE ARE THE STATUES OF ATLAS, THE ANCIENT GIANT WHO HELD THE WORLD ON HIS BACK... AND ACHILLES, THE WARRIOR, WHOSE MOTHER DIPPED HIM IN A MAGIC STREAM, MAKING HIS BODY INVULNERABLE!
ATLAS
ACHILLES
RECENTLY, STUDYING ANCIENT RECORDS, I LEARNED THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS OF THE MAGIC WATER ACHILLES BATHED IN...AND THE BEVERAGE THAT, AS A CHILD, ATLAS DRANK TO GIVE HIM SUPER-STRENGTH! I COMBINED THE TWO FORMULAS INTO THIS ONE LIQUID AND BATHED THE RABBIT IN IT!
THE RABBIT BECAME INVULNERABLE AND SUPER-STRONG! I WANT YOU TO GIVE SUPERMAN THIS SAMPLE AND ASK HIM TO STUDY IT AND ADVISE ME WHETHER TO SELL IT...OR DESTROY IT AS TOO DANGEROUS FOR MANKIND!
I WILL, PROFESSOR!

THAT EVENING, WHEN LOIS GETS HOME...
LANA LANG! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, WAITING ON MY DOORSTEP?
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, LOIS! MY APARTMENT IS BEING PAINTED AND THE SMELL IS JUST DREADFUL! PLEASE LET ME SPEND THE NIGHT HERE!

I BOUGHT SOME STEAK AND DESSERT FOR SUPPER! IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR IMPOSING ON YOU LIKE THIS!
OKAY, LANA! WE'LL START SUPPER AFTER I PUT THIS BOTTLE IN A SAFE PLACE! IT'S THE ONLY SAMPLE THIS FAMOUS SCIENTIST HAS... AND I MUSTN'T BREAK IT!

GOODNESS! WHAT A STRANGE, GLOWING, CRIMSON LIQUID! WHAT IS IT, LOIS?
AN AMAZING FORMULA! ANYONE WHO BATHES IN A SOLUTION OF IT CAN BECOME AS STRONG AS ATLAS AND AS INVULNERABLE AS ACHILLES! I'M TO GIVE IT TO SUPERMAN FOR TESTING!

BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING... IF I BATHED IN IT, IT WOULD MAKE ME INVULNERABLE! THEN SUPERMAN WOULD KNOW MY LIFE COULD NEVER BE IN DANGER FROM HIS ENEMIES -- AND WE COULD GET MARRIED!
HMMM... YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE, LOIS!
IDEA

AFTER SUPPER...
ER... LOIS, DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE A BATH BEFORE I HELP YOU CLEAN UP? I COULDN'T DO A THING TILL I FRESHEN UP!
OKAY, LANA! AND WHILE YOU'RE BATHING, I'LL CHANGE INTO SOMETHING MORE COMFY MYSELF!

PRESENTLY, IN THE BATHROOM...
LOIS WAS A FOOL TO TELL ME SHE WAS TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF USING THIS LIQUID! DOESN'T SHE REALIZE I'M MAD ABOUT SUPERMAN MYSELF? THAT I WAS SUPERMAN'S STEADY BACK IN SMALLVILLE? THIS IS A DIRTY TRICK, BUT IT MAY HELP ME BECOME SUPERMAN'S WIFE!

A HALF HOUR LATER...
MY! YOU TOOK A LONG TIME, LANA! I'VE ALMOST FINISHED STRAIGHTENING UP! BE A DEAR AND PUSH THAT PIANO BACK SO I CAN REACH THE CRUMBS UNDER IT!
OF COURSE, DARLING!
ER... WHERE DID YOU SAY I SHOULD PUT IT?
GASP!... Y-YOU LIFTED THE PIANO AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER! ONLY SUPERMAN COULD'VE DONE THAT! OR... GASP!... LANA! FOR HEAVENS' SAKE! DID YOU...?
SHORTLY...
YOU DID! THE BOTTLE IS EMPTY! YOU USED PROFESSOR MORRIS' FORMULA! OH, YOU CAT! YOU WANT SUPERMAN FOR YOURSELF!
OF COURSE! WHY SHOULDN'T I BE THE LUCKY GIRL WHO GETS HIM? WHO CARES IF IT'S BY FAIR MEANS OR FOUL SO LONG AS I'M MRS. SUPERMAN?
I CARE! I THOUGHT UP THIS SCHEME TO WIN SUPERMAN'S HEART... AND YOU STOLE IT FROM ME! YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER!
SMACK!
SMACK!
YEEOOOWWW!
M-MY HAND... SOB!... I-I ALMOST BROKE IT ON YOUR INVULNERABLE BODY OF STEEL! GET OUT OF HERE! GET OUT OF MY SIGHT IMMEDIATELY!
GLAD TO, DARLING! I'LL USE THIS NEAREST EXIT! THIS WINDOW!
SECONDS AFTER...
SOB! WHY, OH WHY, DID I TELL LANA ABOUT THE BOTTLE! SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING NOW! SHE CAN FALL A MILE... AND STILL WALK AWAY UNHURT! I'VE LOST SUPERMAN FOREVER TO MY MOST DANGEROUS RIVAL!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS LANA LANG HOLDS AN OUTDOOR PRESS CONFERENCE...
I SUMMONED YOU REPORTERS TO DEMONSTRATE MY NEW POWERS! BUT FIRST... I MUST INTRODUCE MAC THE MOUNTAIN AND SILO SAM, FAMED WRESTLERS AND REGARDED AS THE STRONGEST MEN IN THE WORLD... OUTSIDE OF SUPERMAN!
PUFF! PUFF! W-WE'RE LIFTIN' BOULDERS WEIGHIN' A TON EACH, AT LEAST!

BUT SUDDENLY, AS LANA OUTDOES THE STRONG MEN...
SEE HOW EASILY I LIFT AND BALANCE THESE MUSCLE-BOUND GIANTS... AND THEIR LOADS... ON EACH FOREFINGER!
I-I'M SUNK! SUPERMAN ALWAYS HINTED THAT HIS WIFE MUST BE INVULNERABLE AND HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH... AND LANA HAS THOSE QUALITIES NOW!

AS LANA NEXT CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF A HIGH TENSION TOWER...
CRACKLLE!
WELL, GENTLEMEN? IS THIS SUFFICIENT PROOF OF MY INVULNERABILITY?
SSTTT!
WOW! 50,000 VOLTS ARE CRACKLING THROUGH HER BODY, BUT SHE ACTS LIKE SHE ISN'T EVEN TICKLED BY IT!

WHEN THE AMAZING DEMONSTRATION IS OVER...
LANA, FORGIVE ME FOR MY JEALOUS RAGE YESTERDAY! NATURALLY, I WAS DISAPPOINTED! BUT I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEATING ME TO THE PUNCH... WHEN SUPERMAN'S LOVE IS AT STAKE!
WHY, THAT'S SWEET OF YOU, LOIS! ER... WHAT IS THIS PAPER YOU'RE GIVING ME?

WHY, IT'S A COPY OF SUPERMAN'S SCHEDULE FOR TOMORROW! ALL THE THINGS HE'LL BE DOING FOR CHARITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE!
SUPERMAN ALWAYS GIVES JIMMY OLSEN AND ME A DAILY LIST OF HIS ACTIVITIES! BUT WHO HAS A GREATER RIGHT NOW TO BE WHEREEVER SUPERMAN IS... THAN YOU?

OH, YOU DEAR, GENEROUS GIRL! I COULDN'T BE THE GOOD LOSER YOU ARE! IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES, I'D SCRATCH MY EYES OUT FOR THAT DIRTY TRICK!
OH, NO, LANA! I SIMPLY FEEL THAT ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR!
LANA SHOULD KNOW I'M PULLING A FAST ONE! SHE'LL SOON LEARN... ALL IS FAIR!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS LANA LANG, DRESSED TO KILL, ARRIVES AT A BLAST FURNACE DEDICATION CEREMONY...
ER... ARE YOU SURE, LANA, YOU CAN CARRY A TON OF ORE INTO THE FURNACE TO BE CONVERTED INTO MOLTEN INGOTS?
WATCH ME, SUPERMAN, AND YOU'LL REALLY BELIEVE THE NEWSPAPER STORIES ABOUT MY INVULNERABILITY!

AS LANA FOLLOWS SUPERMAN INTO THE OVEN...
GASP!... M-MY DRESS IS BURNING! I FORGOT THAT, ALTHOUGH MY BODY IS INVULNERABLE, MY CLOTHING ISN'T!
I'LL HAVE YOU OUTSIDE IN A SECOND, LANA!
SUPERMAN! HELP! MY DRESS IS ON FIRE!

A MOMENT AFTER...
I COOLED OFF THE FLAMES WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, LANA, BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE! THE DRESS IS RUINED!
SIGH!... I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE, SUPERMAN! I'LL TAKE A TAXI HOME, CHANGE MY CLOTHING, AND JOIN YOU LATER... AT YOUR NEXT PUBLIC APPEARANCE!

BUT AN HOUR LATER, ELSEWHERE IN METROPOLIS...
SOON SUPERMAN WILL LAY THE CORNER STONE FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE! WE'LL BE THERE TO GREET HIM WITH THIS NEW RIFLE THAT FIRES ATOMIC BULLETS!
REMEMBER OUR LEADER'S WORDS! WE FOREIGN SPIES ARE EXPENDABLE! IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE CAUGHT SO LONG AS WE DESTROY THIS GREAT AMERICAN HERO!

THUS, WHEN LANA LANG, RETURNING IN A NEW DRESS, JOINS SUPERMAN...
HERE, SUPERMAN! I'LL PASS THE CORNER STONE TO YOU!
THANKS, LANA!
ALL RIGHT, IGOR! FIRE!
1959
PWWONNGG!

GASP! S-SUPERMAN! SOMETHING HIT ME!
YES, LANA! YOU STEPPED INTO THE PATH OF AN ATOMIC BULLET CHARGE MEANT FOR ME! BUT I'LL STOP THE VILLAINS BEFORE THEIR GETAWAY CAR ROLLS TWO FEET!
BLA AM!

AS SUPERMAN USES THE HEAT OF HIS X-RAY VISION TO MELT THE CAR'S FOUR TIRES...

GASP!= W-WE CANNOT MOVE! OUR CAR IS GLUED TO THE STREET!

GROAN!= IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WE HAD SUPERMAN TO CONTEND WITH! NOW HE HAS A SUPER-WOMAN TO HELP HIM!

SOON, AS LOIS LANE, WHO HAS BEEN COVERING THE CEREMONY FOR THE PLANET, COVERS LANA LANG... WITH HER COAT!

THOSE BULLETS BLASTED MY NEW DRESS INTO SHREDS, LOIS! SUPERMAN MUST BE LAUGHING AT ME! I LOOK SO RIDICULOUS!

DON'T BE UPSET, LANA! I KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO WIN BACK HIS RESPECT!

1959

SHOW SUPERMAN YOU'VE A WARM HEART! USE YOUR POWERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE, NOT TO IMPRESS HIM! VOLUNTEER FOR CHARITY DRIVES! USE YOUR STRENGTH TO SERVE OTHERS!

OH, THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA, LOIS! I COULD KISS YOU!

TAXI

READER, CAN YOU GUESS LOIS' STRATEGY?

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, AS LANA BECOMES A SUPER-HEROINE...

LOOK, FOLKS, AND MARVEL! AS THE TEAMS OF HORSES STRAIN IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, LANA LANG PULLS THE HORSES TOWARD HER!

BRAVO, LANA! WITH TEN MORE SUPER-STRENGTH APPEARANCES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, YOU SURE WILL IMPRESS SUPERMAN!

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A FEW DAYS LATER...

OUR PLAN IS WORKING PERFECTLY, LANA! THE WHOLE TOWN IS RAVING ABOUT YOU! WHY, ALREADY THE NEWSPAPERS CALL YOU SUPERMAN'S "NATURAL MATE"!

THAT'S GREAT! SUPERMAN IS BOUND TO MARRY ME NOW! I'LL SHOP FOR MY TROUSSEAU TODAY SO I'LL BE READY FOR OUR HONEYMOON WHEN HE PROPOSES!

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THE NEXT AFTERNOON, AT LANA'S APARTMENT...

WELL, MY TROUSSEAU'S BOUGHT AND I LEAVE TOWN TONIGHT FOR TWO MONTHS OF CHARITY APPEARANCES OUT OF TOWN!

WONDERFUL, LANA! I'LL GIVE SUPERMAN A SCRAPBOOK OF ALL YOUR FEATS! WHEN YOU RETURN IN SIXTY DAYS, I'M SURE SUPERMAN WILL BE KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR TO POP THE QUESTION!

AND SO, AS WEEKS PASS AND LANA LANG OFFERS HER AMAZING SERVICES FROM COAST TO COAST...
WHEN SUPERMAN SPOTS THIS PICTURE OF ME TOWING A BROKEN-DOWN FREIGHT TRAIN, HE'LL BE OVERJOYED TO SEE THE KIND OF SUPER-WIFE HE'LL GET!

SIXTY FANTASTIC, FEAT-FILLED DAYS LATER, OUTSIDE LANA LANG'S APARTMENT...
LANA! OPEN UP! IT'S ME...LOIS! AND SUPERMAN! WE'RE HERE TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO METROPOLIS!
N-NO! NO! YOU CAN'T COME IN!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
HMM...LANA SOUNDS AS IF SHE'S IN TROUBLE! I'D BETTER BREAK IN!

BUT AS THE VISITORS BURST IN...
LANA! W-WHAT ON EARTH...GASP! I LOOK AT YOU!
BRRINNNGG!
T-THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME! TWO MONTHS AGO, I HAD MY NORMAL FIGURE! NOW, AFTER WEEKS OF CONSTANT EXERCISE, I LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE GROTESQUE, MUSCLE-BOUND STRONG MEN I LIFTED AT MY PRESS CONFERENCE!

AS LOIS ANSWERS THE PHONE...
THIS IS PROFESSOR MORRIS! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REACH YOU EVERYWHERE, MISS LANE! I'VE LOST THAT FORMULA! SO DON'T BOTHER ASKING SUPERMAN ABOUT THAT SAMPLE! HE CAN'T HELP ME NOW!
OKAY, PROFESSOR!

AS LOIS HANGS UP...
AND LOIS IS TO BLAME! THAT SCHEMING HUSSY EGGED ME ON TO DO HUNDREDS OF THINGS THAT REQUIRE EXERCISE! SHE KNEW I'D DEVELOP HUGE, POWERFUL MUSCLES SO I'D BECOME UGLY-LOOKING!
EASY, LANA! I CAN CONCOCT AN ANTI-DOTE TO RESTORE YOUR FIGURE... EXCEPT THAT YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH WOULD VANISH WITH YOUR SUPER-MUSCLES!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...
WELL, LOIS, HERE I AM, BACK TO NORMAL! I WAS FURIOUS WITH YOU YESTERDAY FOR TRICKING ME! NOW I REALIZE I ONLY GOT WHAT I DESERVED!
THANKS, LANA! IT'S NICE TO REMAIN FRIENDS! OR RATHER...FRIENDLY RIVALS!...JUST SHAKE HANDS AND COME OUT FIGHTING!
THE END

Dear Editor:

If SUPERMAN ever married Lois Lane, or any other woman for that matter, what sort of children would they have? A super-baby which inherited his powers, or a normal child on the mother's side? Please answer in your magazine, because I'm dying to know! (Note my initials, please; I have been teased about them long enough!)

Lynn Loomis, St. Paul, Minn.

*(We assume that SUPERMAN's offspring will inherit his super-powers, as was demonstrated in the imaginative story, "Superman's Future Wife," published in the August issue of SUPERMAN Comics. As to when his marriage takes place, only time wiLL teLL.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Why don't you remind Lois of that old saying, "A woman can propose to a man during a Leap Year?"

Mike Gauf, Monette, Ark.

*Lois popped the question to SUPERMAN several times during* 1956, *but got "No!" for an answer. Maybe she'll fare better in* 1960!*—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Why don't you have a story wherein Lois Lane meets SUPERGIRL?

Benjamin C. Israel, Bayside, N. Y.

*(SUPERGIRL meets Jimmy Olsen in the October issue of JIMMY OLSEN Comics. As for her meeting up with Lois, keep your eyes peeled on forthcoming issues of ACTION COMICS. —Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the story wherein Lois Lane met Pat Boone, "SUPERMAN's Mystery Song." But in that story, what difference did it make if the lines of the song Clark Kent had written secretly spelled out Clark Kent's name, if you studied the first initial of each line? After all, Clark wrote the song, so how would it give away the secret of his identity? Also, at the story's end you showed SUPERMAN stamping out a million records for Pat Boone, plus a gold record. Aren't gold records awarded only when one million records are SOLD? Please don't think me one who deliberately looks for mistakes. I enjoy your magazines very much.

Jay Burk, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

*(Inasmuch as the song Clark wrote was entirely in praise of SUPERMAN, wouldn't it have proved embarrassing for him to explain why he had subconsciously inserted his name among the lines? As for your point about the gold record—every Boone fan knows that each of his records always sells a million copies, so SUPERMAN was only giving him his trophy in advance. Incidentally, that issue made such a hit, DC is now publishing a PAT BOONE Magazine. An announcement appears elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Is it possible to give us a time-travel story wherein Lois Lane goes back into the past and has an adventure on the planet Krypton before it exploded?

Ruth Logan, Miami, Fla.

*(See Part III of the novel, "Krypton Lives On," in the issue of SUPERMAN Comics now on sale.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

In the story, "When Lois Lane Forgot SUPERMAN," you show Lois lifting up SUPERMAN's cape to look for "some kind of motor." Why didn't she feel the weight of the secret pouch in SUPERMAN's cape, made heavy by the Clark Kent suit, shoes, glasses, etc., it contains?

Morris Floyd, Glendale, Arizona

*(We guess this story should have been called, "When the Author Forgot Clark's Clothes." —Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Does Lois Lane have any parents, or is she an orphan?

"Baggy Pants," Montreal, Canada

*(You'll meet Lois' mother and father in the next issue, when Lois returns for a visit to her home town.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

Why doesn't SUPERMAN reveal his identity to Lois Lane and then marry her? After all, if Mr. and Mrs. Kent could keep Clark's identity a secret when he was SUPERBOY, why couldn't Lois?

Thomas Moore, Douglas, Arizona

*(Because Lois is impetuous, reckless, irrepressible, impulsive and unpredictable. Knowing the BIG secret, and possessing all these volatile emotions, even SUPERMAN shudders to think what she might do once he confided the secret of his identity to her!—Ed.)*

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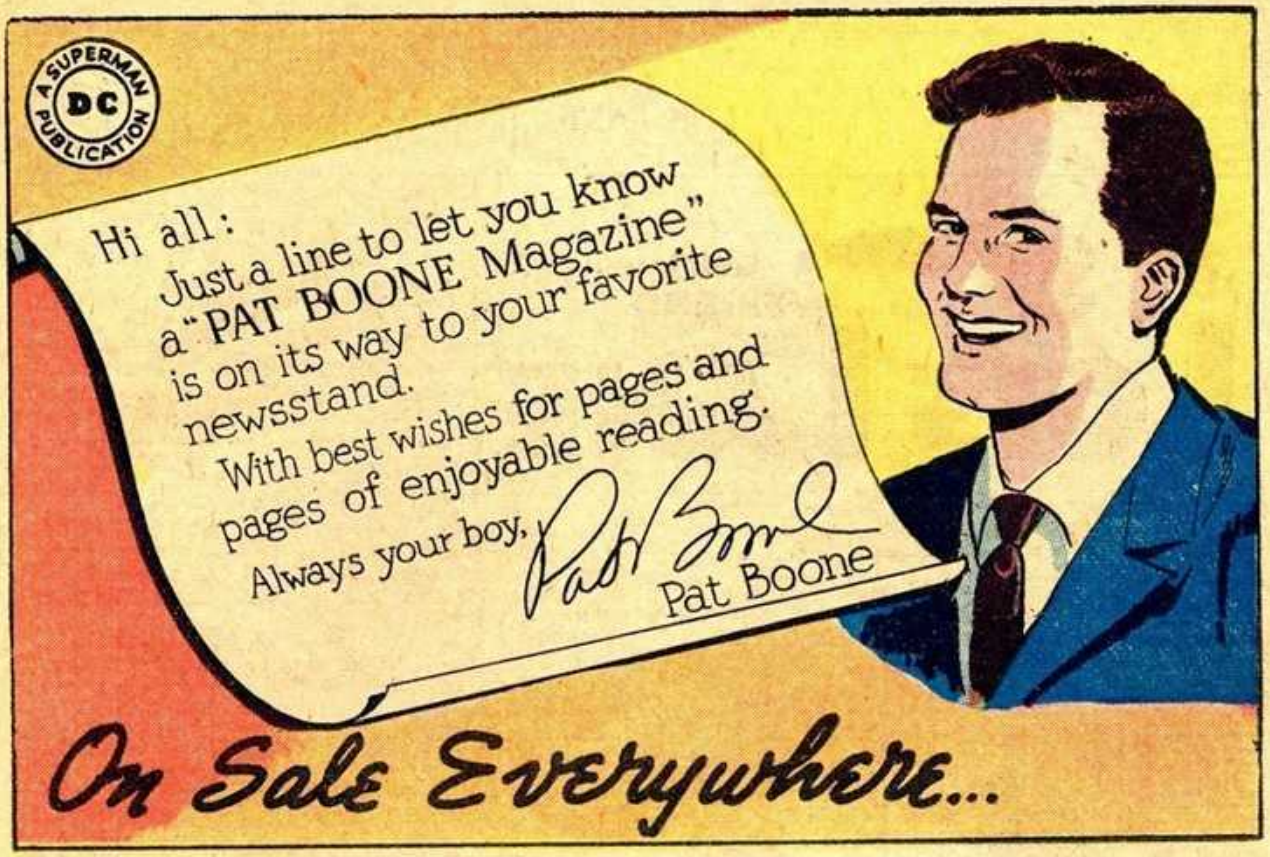
Dear Editor:

On your TV series, SUPERMAN always greets Lois by saying, "Hello, Miss Lane." Yet in the comics he always says, "Hello, Lois." Why is he so formal on TV?

Arthur Poster, Fair Lawn, N. J.

*(SUPERMAN has known Lois for many years in the comic books, hence his familiarity. In the TV version, he's only known her for about five years. And he's a perfect gentleman, you know.—Ed.)*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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

# LOIS LANE

AS THE OLD PROVERB SAYS... LOVE IS BLIND, BUT SO BLIND, IN FACT, IS THE LOVE-LIGHT IN LOIS LANE'S EYES THAT ONE DAY SHE NO LONGER CAN SEE SUPERMAN FOR DUST! HER GAZE IS TURNED ADORINGLY ON THE LAST MAN IN METROPOLIS YOU'D EXPECT LOIS TO ADMIRE... CLARK KENT! YES, IT ALL HAPPENS IN THE SURPRISE MATCH OF THE YEAR, WHEN...

## LOIS LANE Loves CLARK KENT!

LOIS! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SUPERMAN IS YOUR HERO!

NOT ANY MORE! NOW THAT I'M MARRYING YOU, CLARK, I'M DESTROYING ALL THESE PHOTOS THAT MAY REMIND ME OF MY OLD BOY FRIEND!

To Lois Superman

ONE NIGHT, AS LOIS LANE WORKS LATE AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...

LOIS? THIS IS CLARK! WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, STEP INTO PERRY'S OFFICE! I'M OUT ON A LEDGE, TRYING OUT A NEW INFRA-RED CAMERA THAT TAKES NIGHT PICTURES!

OKAY, CLARK! I'LL BE IN SOON!

FIVE MINUTES LATER, AS LOIS FINDS PERRY'S OFFICE DESERTED...

GOOD HEAVENS! THE LEDGE CLARK WAS STANDING ON! IT'S B-BROKEN OFF!

CRACK!

H-HE'S FALLING! GASP!... NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM! HE'LL BE KILLED!

BUT AFTER A BREATHLESS SECOND...
H-HE LANDED ON HIS FEET!... GASP! ... NO MAN ALIVE CAN DO THAT EXCEPT SUPERMAN!

SUPERMAN?... GASP!... HOW BLIND I'VE BEEN! I-I'VE SUSPECTED CLARK BEFORE! BUT NOW I HAVE PROOF! ONLY SUPERMAN COULD'VE SURVIVED THAT FALL!

PRESENTLY...
LOOK AT CLARK SNEAK IN! HE MUST'VE RUN UP 20 FLIGHTS SO AS NOT TO BE SEEN IN THE ELEVATOR! THAT'S ALSO PROBABLY WHY HE DIDN'T PULL OUT OF HIS PLUNGE BY FLYING! SOMEONE MIGHT'VE SEEN HIM!
MERGENCY DOOR
PERRY WHITE
EDITOR

MY PROBLEMS ARE OVER! I'LL MARRY CLARK, AND NEVER TELL HIM I KNEW HIS SECRET TILL AFTER THE HONEYMOON! HMM... IT'S LUCKY I HAVE A DATE WITH CLARK TOMORROW NIGHT! I CAN BEGIN MY MAN-TRAPPING AT ONCE!
EDITOR ROOM

THE NEXT EVENING...
HMM... VERY INTERESTING CHINESE RESTAURANT YOU SELECTED, LOIS! THE MANAGEMENT GIVES EACH CUSTOMER A MANDARIN COSTUME TO WEAR WHILE DINING!
CLARK HAS ANOTHER SURPRISE COMING! THIS MORNING I BRIBED THE WAITER TO SERVE US SOME SPECIAL FORTUNE COOKIES!

AN HOUR LATER...
LISTEN, CLARK! I JUST OPENED A FORTUNE COOKIE! IT SAYS..."HE WHO DINES WITH YOU, LOVES YOU AND WILL MARRY YOU!" GOSH, CLARK... THAT'S YOU!
YES! PREDICTIONS ALL COME TRUE! NOW MISTER TAKE FORTUNE COOKIE!
SHORTLY...
HMM... I'VE GOT THE SAME PREDICTION!
MY X-RAY VISION TELLS ME THE BOWL IS FULL OF IDENTICAL PROPHECIES!
"HE WHO DINES..."
"HE WHO DINES..."
"HE WHO DINES..."
HE WHO
YOU, LOVES YOU AND
GOLLIES! THEN YOU TWO SURE TO BE MR. AND MRS.!
POOR CLARK! HE DOESN'T KNOW I BRIBED THE WAITER TO MAKE SURE EVERY COOKIE CONTAINS THE SAME FORTUNE!
ER... AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE! WELL, LET'S MAKE THIS PREDICTION COME TRUE, DARLING!
AFTER DINNER, AS LOIS AND CLARK GO FOR A STROLL...
IT'S STRANGE, LOIS! YOUR CARING FOR ME IS SO SUDDEN! I DIDN'T THINK I HAD A CHANCE WITH SUPERMAN AROUND AS MY RIVAL!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I THINK OF SUPERMAN! HE'S JUST A SHOW-OFF WHO NEEDS THE APPLAUSE OF THE CROWD!
IN HONOR OF SUPERMAN'S MANY GLORIOUS DEEDS..BY THE GRATEFUL CITIZENS OF METROPOLIS
SOON...
YOU'RE EVERYTHING A GIRL WANTS, CLARK! INTELLIGENT, HANDSOME, A BRILLIANT REPORTER... SO HERE'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT SUPERMAN NOW!
GOSH, LOIS... THEN Y-YOU REALLY MEAN IT! YOU PREFER ME, CLARK KENT, TO SUPER-MAN?
LOIS LANE LOVES CLARK KENT
YES, CLARK! AND I'D MARRY YOU IN A MINUTE!
OH, JOY, I'M KISSING SUPERMAN! I'M IN SUPERMAN'S ARMS! AND IN A FEW WEEKS, IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, HE'LL BE MINE FOREVER!

AT NOON, THE NEXT DAY...
BLACK COAL CO.
GOSH, LOIS, I'D LIKE TO BUY YOU AN ENGAGEMENT RING! BUT YOU KNOW I CAN'T AFFORD AN EXPENSIVE ONE ON MY REPORTER'S SALARY...
FIE! CLARK COULD SQUEEZE A LUMP OF COAL AND, UNDER PRESSURE, CONVERT IT INTO A HUGE DIAMOND! BUT I REALIZE HE CAN'T GIVE ME SUCH RICHES OR OUR FRIENDS WILL SUSPECT HE'S SUPERMAN!
AND SO, THAT EVENING, AT LOIS' APARTMENT...
YOU GAVE ME THIS CHECK FOR $3,000 TO BUY YOU WHATEVER I WANT?... GASP!... BUT LOIS, THIS IS YOUR LIFE'S SAVINGS!
WE'RE IN LOVE, CLARK! WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHO PAYS FOR THINGS?
NOW CLARK WON'T HAVE TO BETRAY HIS SECRET IDENTITY BY SPENDING ABOVE HIS SALARY! HE CAN BUY ME A LOVELY RING FOR $3,000!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS CLARK INVITES LOIS TO HIS APARTMENT...
LOOK WHAT I BOUGHT US FOR $3,000! A HAM RADIO SET, HI-FI EQUIPMENT, BILLIARD TABLE, HOME GYM AND TEN NEW SUITS!
HMM... EVERYTHING HE LIKES!
ER... ANYTHING FOR ME?
NATURALLY! FOR YOU... THIS MAGNIFICENT DIAMOND CHIP SET IN IMITATION SILVER! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
I-IT'S SO SMALL, I NEED A MICROSCOPE TO SEE IT!
THE NERVE OF HIM! SPENDING ALL MY MONEY ON HIMSELF! I NEVER REALIZED HE WAS SO SELFISH!
BUT I-I MUST CONTROL MY TEMPER... OR HE'LL GET ANGRY AND BREAK OUR ENGAGEMENT!
THE RING IS BEAUTIFUL, DARLING! THANKS!
IT WAS NOTHING, LOIS! AFTER ALL, THE TWENTY DOLLARS I SPENT ON IT WAS YOUR OWN MONEY!

AT THE OFFICE, THE NEXT DAY...
LISTEN, EVERYBODY! I JUST GOT A CALL! A BOMB BROKE LOOSE FROM ITS COUPLINGS AND DROPPED INTO A TOWN OUTSIDE METROPOLIS! THE BOMB'S LIVE! THE TOWN'S BEING EVACUATED!
WOW! I'M OFF TO GET A CLOSE-UP PICTURE OF THE BOMB!
COME BACK, YOU CRAZY GIRL! THAT BOMB MIGHT GO OFF ANY TIME!
THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE STORY EXCITING! DON'T WORRY, PERRY! I'LL BE BACK WITH STORY AND PICTURES!
TOO BAD CLARK ISN'T HERE! I'D FEEL SAFER WITH... ER... SUPERMAN ALONG!
BUT WHEN CLARK RETURNS TO THE OFFICE...
YOU HEARD ME, CLARK! THAT IMPULSIVE NITWIT IS OUT THERE, BABY-SITTING FOR A LIVE BOMB! THIS CALL MIGHT BE THE BAD NEWS!
HMM... I'LL SWITCH TO SUPERMAN IN THE STOCKROOM AND RESCUE THE LITTLE FOOL!
BRRNNGGG!
SECONDS LATER...
THERE SHE IS.. THE ONLY PERSON WITHIN A MILE OF THE BOMB! I'LL DE-FUSE THE BOMB BEFORE IT DECIDES TO BLOW!
BUT SUDDENLY, AS SUPERMAN STRADDLES THE BOMB...
BARROOMMM!
SECONDS LATER...
THANK GOODNESS I ARRIVED IN TIME! I HAD ONLY A SPLIT SECOND TO SMOTHER THE EXPLOSION WITH MY INVULNERABLE BODY!
BLESS SUPERMAN! HE RESCUED ME BECAUSE HE LOVES ME! CLARK OR SUPERMAN... I'VE GOT THE MAN I WANT!
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THUS, AS SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS BACK TO METROPOLIS...
I HEAR YOU'RE ENGAGED! I NEVER DREAMED YOUR IDEAL WAS...ER...A WEAKLING LIKE CLARK KENT!
WHAT AN ACT HE'S PUTTING ON! I'LL PLAY A ROLE, TOO!
KEEP YOUR OPINIONS TO YOURSELF, SUPERMAN! YOUR SUPER-DEEDS NO LONGER IMPRESS ME! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE! NOW I LOVE ANOTHER! SO HUSH!

THE NEXT DAY, AS LANA LANG VISITS THE PLANET OFFICE...
LOIS, I'M WORKING FOR THE PRACTICAL JOKE TV PROGRAM! WE'VE SELECTED THE MALE STAFF OF THE PLANET FOR TODAY'S GAG! WE'VE HIDDEN THE CAMERAS! YOU BRING ON THE MEN!
SURE, LANA! THIS SHOULD BE FUN!

AS LOIS LEADS FRANK BLISS, PLANET FEATURE WRITER, IN FRONT OF THE HIDDEN CAMERA...
THAT'S RIGHT, FRANK! SMELL MISS LANG'S CORSAGE!
HA! HA! DON'T WORRY, MR. BLISS! WE'LL PAY FOR THE PAINT STAINS ON YOUR SUIT! YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
SPLOSHH!

AN HOUR LATER...
NOW THAT THE MEN KNOW THEIR REACTIONS WERE TAPED FOR TV, THEY DON'T MIND SO MUCH! BUT WE NEED CLARK KENT TO ROUND OUT THE GAG!
CLARK'S OUT ON AN ASSIGNMENT, LANA! BUT I'LL SEE THAT HE GETS TO YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT!

THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE LANA LANG'S HOUSE...
CLARK COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SUDDENLY HAD TO POST A LETTER AT THE CORNER MAILBOX! BUT I COULDN'T GO INSIDE! I'D BUST OUT LAUGHING AND GIVE THE GAG AWAY! HMMM... LANA'S STEERING CLARK TOWARD THE HIDDEN CAMERA!

T-THERE IT GOES! WOW! CLARK IS SOAKED WITH PAINT!
SPRRRITTZZZZ!

BUT SECONDS LATER... LANA LANG IS SOAKED WITH WATER..
H-HE'S EMPTIED A PITCHER OF WATER OVER LANA! I NEVER REALIZED CLARK HAD SO BAD A TEMPER... THAT HE'D RETALIATE AGAINST A WOMAN OVER A MERE PRANK!
SINCE WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED, HE'S SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE SELFISH AND MEAN-TEMPERED! BUT... SIGH!... HE'S STILL SUPERMAN AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
THE NEXT DAY, AS REPORTER FRANK BLISS ENTERS THE PLANET OFFICE...
CONGRATULATE ME, KIDS! I COLLECTED ENOUGH EVIDENCE ON THE "GREEN HOOD" GANG TO CLAIM THE $10,000 REWARD THE PLANET OFFERED FOR IMFORMATION LEADING TO THE GANG'S ARREST!
ISN'T THAT SWELL, CLARK?
IT SURE IS-- AND IT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
LATER, AT LUNCH HOUR, WHEN THE OFFICE IS DESERTED...
GASP!... CLARK'S OPENED FRANK BLISS' DESK DRAWER! HE'S STEALING FRANK'S STORY TO GET THE REWARD FOR HIMSELF! OF ALL THE DIRTY TRICKS!
SHORTLY AFTER, AS LOIS CONFIDES IN HER DIARY...
MY DIARY
Up to now, Ive been shocked by Clark's selfishness and bad temper. Now Ive discovered he is also dishonest! If Clark weren't Superman, I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man alive! But he is Superman, so Ive got to accept all his faults.

HOURS LATER...
SAY, CLARK! A GUY IN MY SUPERMAN FAN CLUB SUSPECTS YOU'RE SUPERMAN! I PROMISED TO CUT OFF A LOCK OF YOUR HAIR TO PROVE YOU AREN'T!
HEAVENS! CLARK'S HAIR IS INDESTRUCTIBLE! JIMMY OLSEN WILL DISCOVER CLARK'S SECRET IDENTITY!
OHHH... I-I FEEL FAINT... GET ME SOME WATER...
AS JIMMY GOES TO FETCH A GLASS OF WATER...
I'M OKAY, CLARK! I PULLED A FAKE-FAINT SO YOU CAN THINK OF A WAY TO FOOL JIMMY... SO HE DOESN'T LEARN YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
OH! NOW I SEE! YOU THINK I'M SUPERMAN! THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO MARRY ME! SUPERMAN WAS SO RIGHT TO ASK ME TO PRETEND I WAS HIS SECRET IDENTITY!
PRETEND, BOSH! I KNOW YOU'RE SUPERMAN! WHY, I SAW YOU FALL FROM A WINDOW AND LAND ON YOUR FEET!
I STAGED THAT FALL FROM PERRY'S WINDOW DELIBERATELY ...TO DECEIVE YOU INTO THINKING I WAS INVULNERABLE! SUPERMAN AND I PLANNED IT THAT WAY! COME DOWNSTAIRS!
SHORTLY, IN THE ALLEYWAY BELOW...
≥GASP!≤... THE CONCRETE PAVEMENT HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A THICK LAYER OF FOAM RUBBER! YOU LANDED ON THIS!
EXACTLY! SUPERMAN PUT IT THERE! HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BLIND HERO-WORSHIP FOR HIM! HE WAS AFRAID YOU'D MARRY ANYONE YOU'D SUSPECT WAS SUPERMAN IN DISGUISE!...NOW LET'S GO UPSTAIRS!
AS CLARK AND LOIS RETURN TO THE OFFICE...
THIS DIARY WAS LEFT OPEN ON YOUR DESK AND I HAPPENED TO SEE WHAT YOU WROTE ABOUT ME! YOU THOUGHT I WAS SELFISH, MEAN AND DISHONEST! YET YOU WERE STILL WILLING TO MARRY ME! WHY? YOU THOUGHT I WAS SUPERMAN!
YOU ARE SUPERMAN! Y-YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THIS TO ESCAPE MARRYING ME!
DIARY
AM I? TAKE THESE SCISSORS! I ONLY TOLD JIMMY TO ASK TO CUT MY HAIR AS A GAG! BUT NOW... YOU DO THE CUTTING! GO AHEAD!
≥GULP!≤ ...A-ALL RIGHT! I'LL CALL YOUR BLUFF!
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BUT SECONDS LATER...
GASP!...I-IT CUTS! YOUR HAIR ISN'T INDESTRUCTIBLE! YOU...YOU AREN'T SUPERMAN!
SNIPP!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU! YOU'RE SO CRAZY ABOUT SUPERMAN, YOU WOULD'VE MARRIED ANY WORTHLESS SCOUNDREL YOU THOUGHT WAS SUPERMAN... AND BEEN STUCK FOR LIFE!
LUCKILY FOR YOU, I ONLY PLAYED A SCOUNDREL'S ROLE! YOU THOUGHT I'D SELFISHLY SPENT YOUR $3,000 ON MYSELF! BUT I HAD SPENT MY OWN MONEY! HERE'S YOUR MONEY BACK!
YOU THOUGHT I WAS MEAN TO LANA LANG! YOU DIDN'T KNOW LANA HAD BECOME HYSTERICAL BECAUSE A MOUSE RAN ACROSS THE ROOM! EVEN YEARS AGO IN SMALLVILLE, LANA ALWAYS PANICKED AT THE SIGHT OF A MOUSE! ONLY A DASH OF COLD WATER COULD CALM HER!
FAR FROM STEALING FRANK BLISS' EVIDENCE, I TYPED UP SOME NEW FACTS SUPERMAN SENT ME TO MAKE SURE FRANK WON THE REWARD: SUPERMAN HAD CAPTURED THE "GREEN HOOD" GANG AND GAVE THE CREDIT TO FRANK SO FRANK COULD WIN ENOUGH MONEY TO SEND HIS SON TO COLLEGE!
IN SHORT, I LET YOU THINK I WAS SUPERMAN TO TEACH YOU A LESSON NOT TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS AND MAKE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! I MIGHT EASILY MARRY THE WRONG MAN AND BE SORRY FOR LIFE! THANKS FOR THE LESSON, PAL!
LATER...
HMMM... I BURNED OFF THE LOCK OF MY INDESTRUCTIBLE HAIR LOIS THOUGHT SHE WAS "CUTTING" BY BOUNCING MY X-RAY VISION OFF THAT MIRROR, THE BACK OF WHICH I COATED WITH LEAD, IN ADVANCE! POOR LOIS WILL NEVER KNOW HOW CLOSE SHE CAME TO MARRYING SUPERMAN!
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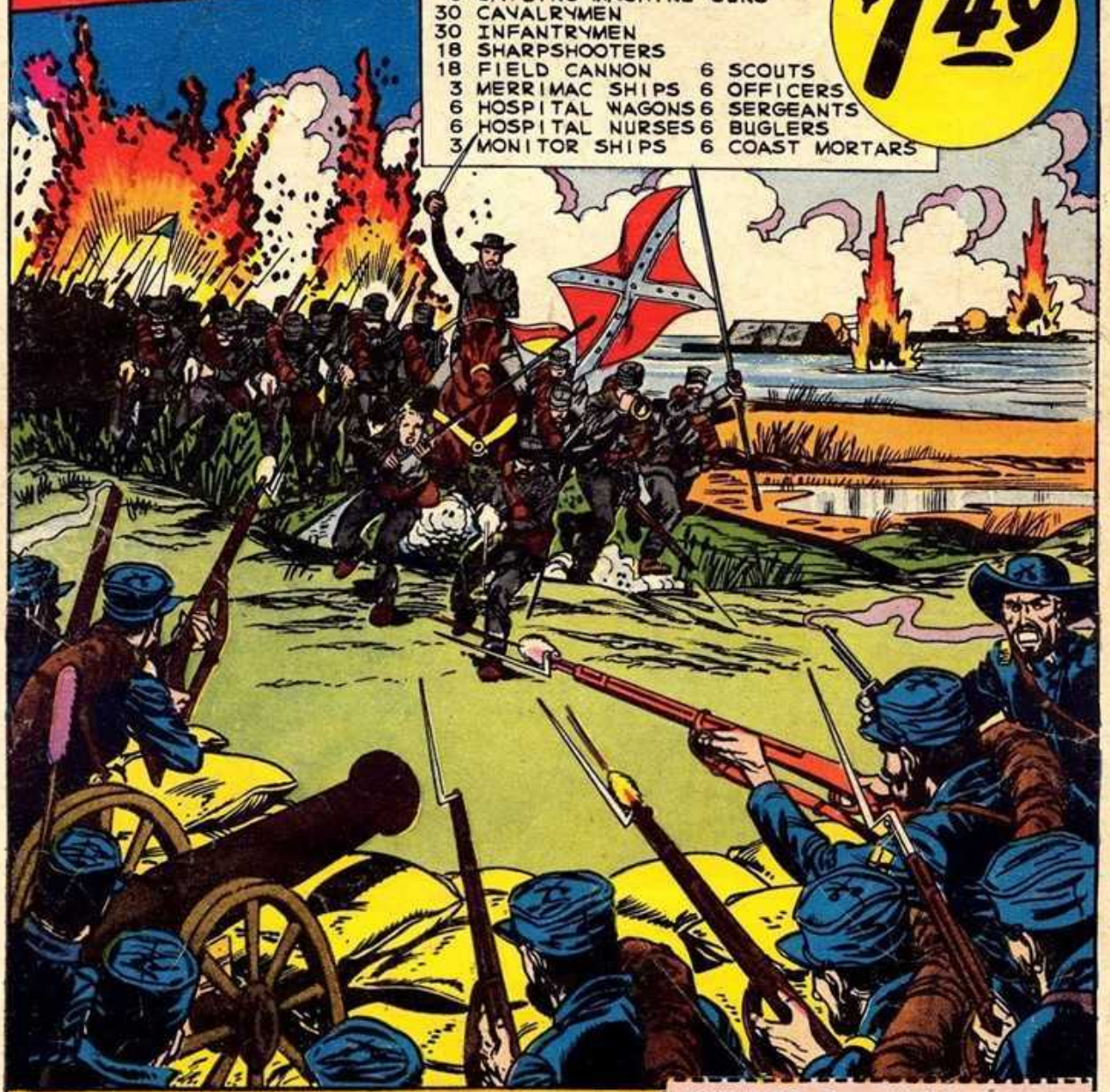

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